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THE CITIZEN JULY 19 CARRIED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL: BEGIN TEXT:  
WE HOPE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A DOUBLE-CROSS ON SOUTH WEST  
AFRICA. THAT WHILE SWAPO AND THE WEST HAVE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED  
SWAPO'S AGREEMENT TO THE WEST'S PLAN FOR THE TERRITORY,  
THERE HAS NOT BEEN A HIDDEN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WALVIS BAY  
ISSUE WILL BE RAISED IN A SECOND RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL, WITH THE WEST SUPPORTING SWAPO S DEMAND THAT WALVIS  
BAY BE UNIFIED WITH THE FUTURE NAMIBIA.  
SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR, OVER AND  
OVER AGAIN, THAT WALVIS BAY DOES NOT FORM PART OF ANY  
SOUTH WEST AFRICAN SETTLEMENT.

THE REPUBLIC IS NOT PREPARED TO GIVE UP ITS  
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SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS BAY AS PART OF ANY DEAL.  
FINISHED AND KLAAR.  
ANOTHER MATTER  
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THERE IS AN ELECTED AND  
INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS ANOTHER  
MATTER.  
THE NEW WINDHOEK REGIME MIGHT WELL ASK FOR THE

INCORPORATION OF WALVIS BAY, BUT IT WOULD THEN BE A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE NAMIBIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

LET'S TAKE A BRIEF LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED:

IN THE LONG MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, THE WEST PRESSED FOR THE INCORPORATION OF WALVIS BAY AS PART OF ITS PLAN.

SOUTH AFRICA STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO AGREE TO THIS.

EVENTUALLY SOUTH AFRICA'S VIEWPOINT PREVAILED.

WALVIS BAY WAS EXCLUDED.

SWAPO DRAGGED ITS HEELS.

ONE OF ITS MAIN DEMANDS STILL CONCERNED WALVIS.

NO WALVIS, NO SWAPO ACCEPTANCE.

STALEMATE.

THEN, SEEMINGLY WITH THE BACKING OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS, THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP WENT TO LUANDA TO TWIST SWAPO'S ARM.

MUCH PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO THE WEST'S SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING SWAPO'S AGREEMENT TO ITS PLAN

THERE WAS TALK OF STRONG WESTERN PRESSURE.

OF SAM NUJOMA FINALLY CAPITULATING.

OF SWAPO AGREEING TO THE VERY SAME PLAN WHICH SOUTH AFRICA HAD ACCEPTED.

NO SIDE PAPER

MR. DON MCHENRY, THE CHIEF US NEGOTIATOR IN THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP, ANNOUNCED:

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"THERE IS NO SIDE PIECE OF PAPER, NO UNDERSTANDING, NO UNDER-THE-TABLE AGREEMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL. NOT A WORD IS CHANGED. THE PROPOSAL STANDS ON ITS OWN. IT IS THE PRIMARY DOCUMENT, IT IS THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT."

AT THE SAME TIME A TOP WESTERN SOURCE AFFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY WHEN THE WEST'S PLAN WAS TABLED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE WALVIS ISSUE HAD BEEN SHELVED, IT WAS SAID.

NOW COMES DISTURBING NEWS FROM NEW YORK.

FIRST THE WESTERN PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.

THE WEST WILL APPEAR TO HAVE STUCK TO ITS SIDE OF THE BARGAIN.

BUT -- AND THIS IS WHERE THE TRICK COMES IN --

A SECOND RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED.

THIS WILL DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH WALVIS BAY.

THE WEST WILL SUPPORT THE INCORPORATION OF WALVIS BAY.

WESTERN OFFICIALS SPECIOUSLY ARGUE THAT THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

"LOOK," THEY ARE SAYING IN EFFECT, "OUR HANDS ARE CLEAN. WE WON'T RAISE THE WALVIS ISSUE. SOMEONE ELSE WILL. AND WE WILL SIMPLY GO ALONG WITH ANY RESOLUTION FOR INCORPORATION SINCE THAT WHAT WE FAVOUR ANYWAY, EVEN IF WE DIDN'T INCLUDE IT IN OUR PACKAGE BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S OBJECTIONS."

IT'S ALL TOO CLEVER BY FAR.

AND SOUTH AFRICA WON'T FALL FOR IT.

IT AGREED TO THE WESTERN PLAN ON THE SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING THAT ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS WILL NOT BE CHALLENGED.

AND CHALLENGED IT MUST NOT BE.

YOU CAN NOW UNDERSTAND WHY OUR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. PIK BOTHA, TALKED IN A RADIO INTERVIEW ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SUNDAY NIGHT OF A "DARK CLOUD APPEARING ON THE HORIZON" AS FAR AS WALVIS BAY IS CONCERNED.

IT WAS POSSIBLE, HE SAID, THAT RESOLUTIONS COULD BE INTRODUCED, POSSIBLY SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS, WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PLAN AND SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS IT, ALTHOUGH HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

SOUTH AFRICA, IT IS REPORTED FROM NEWYORK, HAS WARNED THE WEST IT WILL REJECT THE WESTERN PLAN UNLESS IT IS GIVEN CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE TO CHALLENGE ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER WALVIS.

WE AGREE WITH THIS STAND.

IN TERMS OF THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE WESTERN PLAN, WALVIS IS NOT PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT.

EVEN IF THE WEST HAS TO EXERCISE ITS VETO, WALVIS MUST REMAIN EXCLUDED.

ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE A BETRAYAL OF FAITH AND TRUST A DOUBLE-CROSS.

AND IT WILL BE SEEN TO BE JUST THAT. END TEXT.

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